

## TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES

DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

U.S. APPLICATION NO. (IF KNOWN, SEE 37 CFR

09/830818

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP99/08188

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

October 28, 1999

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

October 28, 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION

SEALED SHOE AND PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c) (2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).
8. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
9. ☒ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
10. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
11. ☒ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

## Items 13 to 18 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.  
A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A substitute specification.
17. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
18. ☒ Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail
19. ☐ Other items or information:

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20. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)) :**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO .....  | \$840.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) .....  | \$670.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... | \$760.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO .....          | \$970.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) .....       | \$96.00  |

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

\$840.00

 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☐ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492 (e)).

\$0.00

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE
Total claims	59 - 20 =	39	x \$18.00
Independent claims	5 - 3 =	2	x \$78.00

\$702.00

\$156.00

Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable). ☐

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**TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =**

\$1,698.00

Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28) (check if applicable). ☐

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**SUBTOTAL =**

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\$0.00

**TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =**

\$1,698.00

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) (check if applicable). ☐

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\$1,698.00

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- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees is enclosed.
- ☒ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 07-1729 in the amount of 1698.00 to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U. S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified new Patent  
Application:

1. Transmittal Letter to the US Designated/Elected Office (2 pages);
2. Certificate of Mailing "Express Mail" (1 page);
3. Translation of PCT Application No. PCT/EP99/08188;
4. Copy of IPER; and
5. Preliminary Amendment (7 pages).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS  
REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16  
AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER SECTION 1.17 DURING THE  
PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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